



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at **12:54 p.m.** on **November 08, 2018** in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Edward Polkenhorn, and Katrina Guitierrez. Maryann McGovran and Gary Walker was absent.

Staff present:

Teri Haggard – CFO

Christina McDonald – EPD Director

Rena Killian – Election Board

Dorothy Dandy – Election Board

Rosalinda Lewis – Election Board

Carol Coronado – Enrollment Committee

Lou Beihn – Enrollment Committee

Rose Cobb – Enrollment Chairperson

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The meeting minutes of November 1, 2018 were tabled until Tribal Council review.

VI. New Business

a) Election Board

The Election Board reported that they are waiting on the mail house to let know them know what date they will be mailing the packages out. The Election Board inquired about what to do with the absentee ballots that were received for the election scheduled in November. After discussion, Tribal Council agreed to have those ballots shredded. The Election Board requested a raise to \$15.00 an hour. Also, as was previous suggested by Treasurer McGovran to reimburse those Citizens who paid extra postage to have the absentee ballots in by the due date, Tribal Council agreed not to reimburse those citizens.

b) Enrollment

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to go into executive session @ 1:17 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

A discussion was held.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out of executive session @ 1:35 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

c) Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn

1. Language

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn reported that he made some phone calls to local area tribes and inquired about them having anyone on their Tribe that can speak fluent mono. Councilman Polkenhorn suggested to have someone from the local tribes come and teach our young ones the language. A discussion was held about who are the elders that can teach our young ones, etc. Chairperson Fink stated that the Cultural Committee has scheduled their first meeting and this topic is included into the program.

d) Treasurer McGovran – Items were tabled due to her absence.

1. Tribal ID Maker
2. Tribal Council Stipend

e) David Falls – TANF Director

1. Sacred Circle Proposal

Mr. Falls reported that it is in his signing authority limit so Tribal Council does not need to approve.

2. Case Manager and Program Specialist for Coastal area

Mr. Falls reported that interviews can be scheduled over in the Coastal area for those applications that were received from there. Tribal Council declined to partake in the interviews. Mr. Falls will schedule.

f) Christina McDonald – EPD Director

1. YPS – Final edits to Chapter book

Tribal Council and Ms. McDonald went over the chapter one last time with any changes or suggestions. Tribal Council had no further comments so Ms. McDonald will send off to the coalition today.

2. Dinkey Creek Collaborative

By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to have James Bethel be the representative to attend the meeting and field visits for forest land management and cultural burning.

3. Sierra Resource Conservation

Ms. McDonald reported that Julie Konno has a grant to cut 100 cords of wood and distribute to the community. Mrs. Konno is running out of room to pile wood at her residence and inquired with the Tribe about any land that is available to temporarily put wood on for community members to pick up. After discussion, Tribal Council okayed the request. Vice-Chairperson and Ms. McDonald will coordinate this with Mrs. Konno.

4. USFS – APRA case for Myers
This item was tabled.
5. Comment Letters
By consensus, Tribal Council approved the letter to Yosemite National Park's Indian Creek Apartments and Stone House Fire Suppression Systems and also for the Oakhurst Line-Four PG&E Utility pole replacements.
6. Cultural Resource Refresher training
By consensus, Tribal Council approved the flyer for cultural monitoring training in collaboration with the USFS and Mono Nation.
7. Mail
This item was just an FYI for the Community Dam Safety in Rancho Cordova, CA on December 10-13, 2018.

e) Mail

Secretary Gutierrez brought up that mail that Tribal Council has been receiving by scan is coming late especially if there is a comment deadline, etc. Tribal Council agreed that staff has to pay attention to dates and any deadlines that may be coming up. Chairperson Fink will email CAO, Gary Nicholes.

VII. Unfinished Business

a) Secretary Gutierrez

1. Resolution No. 18-74 – Election 2018
Secretary Gutierrez motioned to adopt Resolution NO. 18-74 A Resolution setting forth particulars for the conduct of a regular election for the two (2) open seat (s) of Tribal Council as provided for by section 304 and 702 of the North Fork Rancheria Election Statute with this resolution superseding previous Resolution No. 18-62. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0
2. Beyond Aftercare Coalition Request
Mr. Falls has the signing authority for the cost and Mr. Falls reported that the meeting will be held at the Clovis TANF office so that will save some costs.
3. Conflict – Election
Chairperson Fink stated that she is not recusing from the 2018 election only for monetary value with the Election Board registrar.

Secretary Gutierrez motioned to go into executive session @ 2:41 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Fink seconded. Mc 3/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

a) Teri Haggard – CFO

1. Personnel
A personnel issue was discussed.

b) Secretary Guitierrez

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Secretary Guitierrez motioned to have EB @ G12 S8 @ \$90,496.00. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn motioned to come out @ 3:13 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0

IX. Mail / Travel

a) NTAC – IHS Behavioral Health – 12/20-12/21

Secretary Guitierrez motioned for Chairperson Fink to attend. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

b) CTFC – 11/14

Secretary Guitierrez motioned for Treasurer McGovran to attend as a day trip. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

c) Other – There was none.

X. Next Meeting – November 15, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adjourn @ 3:16 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez – 11/13/18**

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **29th** day of **November, 2018**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **3 For 0 Against 1 Abstaining**.

DATED this **29th** day of **November, 2018**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson